



## RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

(Affiliated to the Essex County Cricket Board, the Club Cricket Conference, Essex Playing Fields Association)

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### Newsletter: Winter 2017/2018

#### Playing Update

##### 1<sup>st</sup> XI

#### **Rainham Pre-Season vs. Terling – 22/04/18**

With the touring party away, Sunday Skipper Nikhil selected a young yet competitive side who were to face Terling. Being put into bat first, it was only opener Sam Crotch (41) who made a sizeable score which showed as wickets fell regularly until Rainham were bowled for 109 in the 27<sup>th</sup> over. In reply, it was Ben Little (2 for 16 from 5) to strike first which would ultimately lead to a collapse of the Terling batting line up which saw them finish with a uncompetitive 55 runs. Other notable bowlers included Anish Patel (3 for 9 off 5) K. Nehal (2 for 7 off 5) and Raj Hothi (2 for 8 off 4).

#### **Rainham Pre-Season: Harry's XI vs. Jono's XI – 28/04/18**

Batting	Bowling
G. Shallow vs. Burnham – 61*	R. Patel vs. Burnham – 3/34/7
J. O'Neill vs. Burnham - 57	B. Patel vs. Burnham – 2/3/3
T. Herbert vs. Burnham - 40	A. Altaf vs. Burnham – 2/12/7

### Brighton Tour 2018

For this year's pre-season tour, Rainham CC travelled to sunny Brighton in an attempt to brush off some winter cobwebs by playing 2 competitive matches over the weekend, one of which was a T20 to be held on the Sunday.

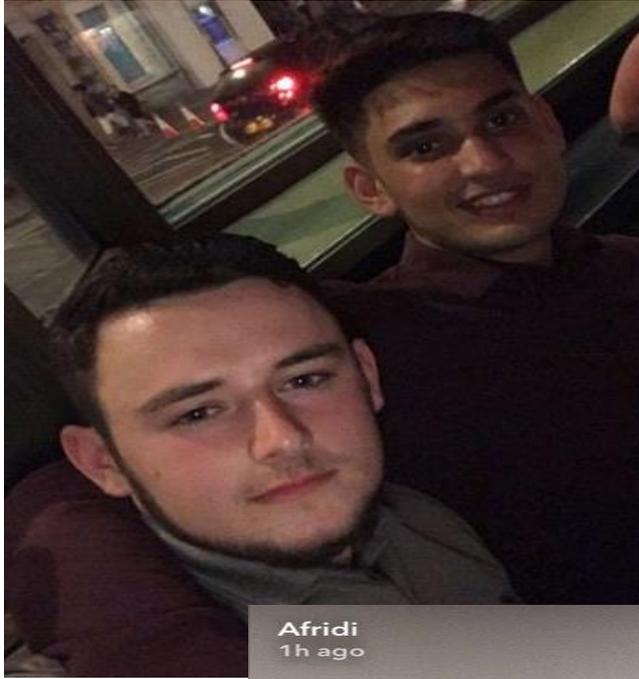
After a drink heavy Friday night, heads were sore heading into Saturday's match against Preston Nomads and this showed as the opening 7 batsmen contributed very little to the score with Jon O'Neill (22) being the only exception. Perhaps the hangovers were to blame as the extra recovery time given to Ronnie Jackson (98) and Abdal Altaf (47\*) in at 8 and 10 respectively, allowed for the 2 to ramp up the runs which put Rainham at a comfortable 209 for 9 in their 40 overs.

After tea, the Rainham side took 13 overs to make the breakthrough as Harry Light (1 for 16 off 3) aimed to get things rolling. However, the anticipation of a Rainham victory was short lived as the following 2 batsmen put on a 185 run partnership to guide Preston to a win in the 39<sup>th</sup> over with 7 wickets in hand. The other notable bowler being Jas Hothi (2 for 6 off 3)

The decision to not go out on the Saturday was taken as of fatigue and the desire to win the following morning (much to Ronnie Jackson's disappointment!!). There is no scorecard available for this match but reports have suggested we lost.

Yet despite the 2 disappointing losses, Brighton was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. See below photos of the tour consisting of drunken snaps and obnoxious selfies...





## Youth Section

Even though it is traditional off-season in Cricket from October through to April we still like to keep the youth section active and last year we managed to enter an under 14 team in the South Essex indoor league, so this year we decided to make the most of this opportunity and enter teams at under 12, 14 and 16 level, which has proved to be a success. With indoor nets taking place every Thursday evening from 7pm to 8pm at Campion School Sports Hall from January through to March 2018, it ensures our youngsters keep active on the cricket front throughout the winter and Autumn months.

The summer schedule starts again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Spring Farm Park from 6.30pm and we will go right through to the end of August 2018.

We will continue with our All Stars programme for 5 to 8 year olds from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May until 9<sup>th</sup> July, so if anyone want to come along then please book via the ECB All Stars Website, link attached and club poster in PDF.

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/rainhamcc/Admin/Coaching/Scheme/fc2885de-238c-45ef-a0be-d1ea38dcb329>



All Stars Cricket Poster Rainham CC 201

Finally, we have a full programme of summer fixtures for the youth section with the under 13 being entered into the Metropolitan Essex competition, The Len Steniford Trophy, the under 11s again entering the mini match play at Chelmsford, the under 12s in the Brian Taylor Trophy (formally the Peter Coe Cup), the under 15s having a couple of 40 overs matches against Hornchurch Athletic and another joint venture with Goresbrook in the under 16s Matchplay Cup. Attached is the full summer fixtures for all youth teams this summer, with an early start for the under 13s on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018.



Youth Fixtures 2018.xlsx

### Indoor Cricket

#### Under 12s

With the success of playing indoor cricket in the South Essex District League at the back end of last winter with our under 14s, we decided to enter teams at all age group levels this winter. First up were our under 12s where we managed to get 2 teams out every week, with Rainham Tigers, mainly under 12s being managed by Paul Newman and Rainham Lions managed by Peter Reynolds.

The Lions squad was made up of Alex Porter, Leo Fevzi-Hunt, Charlie Sutton, Fraser Oates, Alfie Clark and Cassie Doyle and the Tigers squad from Holly Vickers, Govind Singh, Elsie Orwell, Luis Hardy, Jay Shipton and Aaditty Rakesh.

Both teams played 7 matches with the Tigers claiming 3 victories against our own Lions, Orsett Tornados and Stanford Le Hope and the Lions lost all 7, but with some notable performances. Considering this was the first time everyone had played indoor cricket, the performances improved

each game with the Lions winning 3 of their last 4 and giving unbeaten Belhus Eagle a fright in the last match.

Final standings table below:

		Rounds	Standings Table				Leaderboards			
Team		Played	Won	Lost	Tie	Wickets taken	Runs for	Points	Bonus points	Total points
	Belhus CC., Belhus Spitfires U12 Indoor	7	7	0	0	39	900	140.0	0.0	140.0
	Orsett & Thurrock CC., Titans (U12 indoor)	7	6	1	0	35	685	120.0	9.0	129.0
	Orsett & Thurrock CC., Scorchers (U11 indoor)	7	5	2	0	18	682	100.0	7.0	107.0
	Belhus CC., Belhus Eagles U12 Indoor	7	3	3	0	25	568	65.0	21.0	86.0
	Rainham CC indoor , Rainham U12 Tigers	7	3	4	0	22	577	60.0	25.0	85.0
	Orsett & Thurrock CC., Tornados (U12 Indoor)	7	2	5	0	26	479	40.0	20.0	60.0
	Stanford Le Hope CC., Youth U12 Indoor	7	1	5	0	16	562	25.0	32.0	57.0
	Rainham CC indoor , Rainham U12 Lions	7	0	7	0	11	453	0.0	25.0	25.0

Notable individual performances as follows:

**Batting**

- Leo Fevzi-Hunt – 31 v Orsett Scorchers
- Charlie Sutton - 29 v Belhus Eagles
- Alfie Clark – 26 v Orsett Tornados
- Aaditty Rakesh – 22 v Stanford Le Hope
- Elsie Orwell 15 v Belhus Eagles
- Alex Porter 12 v Stanford Le Hope
- Jay Shipton 11 v Belhus Spitfire
- Fraser Oates – 11 v Rainham Lions
- Cassie Doyle 7 v Orsett Tornados
- Holly Vickers 6 v Orsett Scorchers

**Bowling**

- Alex Porter 3 for 11 v Orsett Tornados
- Charlie Sutton 2 for 6 v Stanford Le Hope
- Leo Fevzi-Hunt 2 for 8 v Orsett Tornados
- Govind Singh 2 for 8 v Rainham Tigers
- Cassie Doyle – 2 for 34 v Rainham Tigers
- Fraser Oates 1 for 17 v Orsett Titans

In the field, Leo and Charlie topped the catches and runs outs with a total of 4 followed by Fraser Oates with 3, Alfie Clark and Cassie Doyle with 2 and 1 each for Holly, Luis Hardy and Elsie.



The Lions and Tigers prior to their first indoor match

## Under 16s

The first time we have also entered an under 16s and the squad of Ben Little, Jack Wallace, Anthony Connor, Charlie Vickers, Raj Hothi, Daniel Purton and Kyan Lehal were straight into the action immediately into the new year with a match against Stanford Le Hope, which resulted in a loss after a bright start.

The same applied with the under 16s in that they got better with every match giving both the Belhus and Orsett 1<sup>st</sup> Teams a scare, before ending with a convincing victory against Belhus Lightning by over 70 runs and 2 victories overall.

Final standing table below:

SEDCB Youth Indoor Six-a-Side- Grays and Leigh > Draws > Youth Indoors U16 - Grays 2018 Powered by 

**Youth Indoors U16 - Grays 2018**  
Draw | SEDCB Youth Indoor Six-a-Side- Grays and Leigh

Rounds      Standings Table      Leaderboards

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Wickets taken	Runs for	Points	Bonus points	Total points	Net run rate
 Belhus CC., Belhus Spitfires U16 Indoor	5	5	0	26	376	100.0	0.0	100.0	+2.721
 Stanford Le Hope CC, Youth U16 Indoor	5	4	1	19	374	80.0	5.0	85.0	-0.001
 Orsett & Thurrock CC., Orsett & Thurrock Thunder U16	5	3	2	28	398	60.0	10.0	70.0	+0.764
 Rainham CC indoor, Rainham CC U16 indoor	5	2	3	19	404	40.0	20.0	60.0	+1.747
 Orsett & Thurrock CC., Orsett & Thurrock Lightning U16	5	1	4	14	251	20.0	12.0	32.0	-1.610
 Belhus CC., Belhus Lightning U16 Indoor	5	0	5	16	231	0.0	19.0	19.0	-5.767

## Individual performances

### Batting

Anthony Connor – 42 v Orsett Lightning  
 Ben Little - 33 v Belhus Spitfire  
 Daniel Purton– 16 v Orsett Lightning  
 Kyan Lehal – 13 v Orsett Thunder  
 Charlie Vickers - 12 v Belhus Spitfire  
 Raj Hothi – 10 v Belhus Spitfire  
 Jack Wallace - 7 v Orsett Thunder

### Bowling

Raj Hothi 3 for 4 v Orsett Lightning  
 Kyan Lehal 2 for 12 v Orsett Lightning  
 Ben Little 1 for 4 v Orsett Lightning  
 Jack Wallace 1 for 7 v Belhus Lightning  
 Daniel Purton 1 for 9 v Belhus Lightning

In the field Ben Little and Anthony Connor were equal with 7 catches, run outs or stumpings, followed by Raj with 3 and Charlie with 2. Some of the run outs by Ben were outstanding, especially the 3 in one game against Orsett Thunder.

## Under 14s

This is the second season for our under 14s in the South Essex District indoor league, this year managed by Warren Courtney and it has certainly shown that the extra year as the squad of Kyan

Lehal, Alfie Stouchbury, Louis Smith, Charlie Vickers, Sam Hare, Leo Fevzi-Hunt, Charlie Sutton, Jamie Little and Alex Porter got off the a great start with a 4 wicket victory against Stanford Le Hope.

The next match was against last year’s Champions Belhus Eagles which resulted in a last over loss and then 3 convincing victories against Orsett Knight, Belhus Ducks and Orsett Trojans. All the squad have contributed to date with special mention to Sam Hare who has looked very accomplished behind the stumps with good foot movement and a top score of 37no in the last match against Belhus Ducks. Our 3 under 12s of Leo, Alex and Charlie Sutton playing 2 years above their level and not looking out of place. Last of all a welcome return to Jamie Little who played in the last match against Belhus Ducks and bowled 2 very tidy overs.

Well done to Warren, who’s simple, but effective team talk of ‘just enjoy yourself’ seems to have had a very positive effect on all the boys taking part.

The final standings of the league as follows:

Youth Indoors U14 - Grays 2018		CRIC HQ								
Draw   SEDCB Youth Indoor Six-a-Side- Grays and Leigh		Standings Table			Leaderboards					
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Wickets taken	Runs for	Points	Bonus points	Total points	Net run rate	
 Belhus CC., Belhus Eagles U14 Indoor	5	5	0	23	520	100.0	0.0	100.0	+3.464	
 Rainham CC indoor , Rainham CC U14 indoor	5	4	1	23	369	80.0	8.0	88.0	+3.259	
 Stanford Le Hope CC, Youth U14 Indoor	5	2	3	13	331	40.0	18.0	58.0	-3.390	
 Belhus CC., Belhus Ducks U14 Indoor	5	1	4	20	483	20.0	33.0	53.0	-0.400	
 Orsett & Thurrock CC., Orsett & Thurrock Knights (U14 indoor)	5	2	3	20	323	40.0	12.0	52.0	-2.138	
 Orsett & Thurrock CC., Orsett & Thurrock Trojans u14 (indoor)	5	1	4	9	333	20.0	13.0	33.0	-2.006	

### Individual performances

#### Batting

Sam Hare – 37no v Belhus Ducks  
 Kyan Lehal – 28no v Orsett Knights  
 Leo Fevzi-Hunt – 19 v Belhus Ducks  
 Alfie Stouchbury 18no v Orsett Trojans  
 Louis Smith 16 v Belhus Eagles  
 Charlie Vickers - 7 v Stanford Le Hope

#### Bowling

Kyan Lehal 2 for 15 v Orsett Knights  
 Charlie Vickers 1 for 7 v Stanford Le Hope  
 Alfie Stouchbury 1 for 8 v Orsett Trojans  
 Leo Fevzi-Hunt – 1 for 10 v Belhus Ducks  
 Louis Smith 1 for 21 v Orsett Trojans

The fielding statistics has Sam Hare with 4 catches, stumpings and 2 run outs, followed by Kyan with 4, Charlie and Alfie with 3 and Louis and Leo with 1 each.

### London Youth Games

Two of our youngsters were successful in their trials to represent Havering in the London Youth games at year 9 level, with the successful trialists being Kyan Lehal and Leo Fevzi-Hunt.

The first stage was a 3-team group event with the winners of the group going through to the final stages at the Lords Indoor Centre. Havering won their first 2 matches and needed to win their final match against the London Borough of Greenwich to get to Lords, but a strong Greenwich side managed to win to progress to the next stage. There was still hope in that out of the whole qualifying stage the top 8 teams progressed to Lords, but Havering just missed out as one of the best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams in their group by finishing 9<sup>th</sup> overall. Both Kyan and Leo representing Havering did themselves and the club proud as they both played well on the day.

Hopefully better luck next year and a few of our youth section representing Havering again in the future.



Kyan and Leo in their  
Havering kit

UPCOMING EVENTS



The poster features a dark blue background with yellow and white graphics. At the top, the text "Rainham Cricket Club" is written in a yellow, outlined font. Below this, several white lightbulb icons are arranged in a semi-circle. A large yellow lightbulb in the center contains the text "QUIZ NIGHT" in white. To the left of the central lightbulb is a yellow silhouette of a batsman in a batting stance. To the right is a yellow silhouette of a cricket ball with a bat striking it. The text at the bottom of the poster is in a yellow, outlined font.

Rainham Cricket Club

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 19th May  
In The Clubhouse  
8pm until late  
Hosted by the  
"so called" Brearley

## Order Kit Online

It is not too late to order yourself some of Rainham's fine garments!!! The website, the link of which can be found below, requires the password "RAINHAM112" before you are directed to the personal Rainham store.

<http://www.mrcricketshop.co.uk/cricket/club-shop/rainham-cricket-club/>

The image displays a grid of six Rainham Cricket Club merchandise items for sale. Each item is presented in a separate panel with a 'personalise' button in the top left corner and the 'McCricket' logo in the top right corner. The items are:

- Rainham Cricket Club Curve Match Sweater:** A white long-sleeved sweater with a dark V-neck and dark trim on the cuffs and hem. Price: £25.00.
- Rainham Cricket Club Long Sleeved ERGO Match Shirt:** A white long-sleeved polo shirt with a dark collar and dark trim on the cuffs and hem. Price: £29.00.
- Rainham Cricket Club Tek Slim Training Pant:** A dark blue slim-fit training pant with a small club crest on the left thigh. Price: £25.00.
- Rainham Cricket Club Performance Top:** A long-sleeved performance top with a blue upper half and dark blue lower half, featuring yellow accents on the sleeves. Price: £24.00.
- Rainham Cricket Club Performance Top (Short Sleeve):** A short-sleeved performance top in blue with a dark blue V-neck and dark blue trim on the sleeves. Price: £24.00.

A vertical 'PRODUCTS' label is visible on the right side of the grid.

## “FUN 15”

This month’s task of completing the FUN 15 has been given to club favourite, Joe Attfield. Having joined the club at U15 level and progressing through the ranks, Joe can be found regularly hiding in the slips (hoping a catch doesn’t come his way) or gravitating towards the bar. Joe’s on and off the field antics over recent years have not gone unnoticed as he was awarded ‘The Chairman’s Award’ back in 2016 as well as ‘The Young Cricketer of the Year Award’ the year prior. Currently, he is the manager of the successful U15 side and an active volunteer at RCC.



<b>Name &amp; Club History</b>
Joe Attfield  Been at the Club about 6 years, always floated between the 2nd and the 3rds.
<b>Cricketing Hero</b>
Michael Vaughan
<b>Favourite Club Ground(s)</b>
Havering atte Bower  Preston Nomans (Brighton tour)
<b>Best Innings</b>
79 vs willow herbs  60* vs writtle
<b>Best Bowling</b>
Oh, Jesus this is hard 4-33 vs Havering atte Bower or 4-44 vs Gorsebrook yeah that’s about it
<b>Best Catch/Fielding</b>
As the best cover fielder in the club (Peter Reynolds will back me up) probably my direct hit from mid off vs Ingatestone
<b>Club Mate Most Like Batting With</b>
Reece Powell is always a laugh
<b>Club Mate Least Like Batting With</b>

As a lot of people have said Mr Ronnie Jackson, he still thinks he's running with Usain Bolt rather than me.

**Best of Times in Cricket**

This year's promotion was something special but for me it's got to be my U'15 team last year beating Hornchurch with the last ball of the game we needed 3 to win and they needed 1 wicket to win and Kyan hit a 4 of the last ball, we also only had 10 men.

**Worst of Times in Cricket**

Nothing to do with Rainham but the World Cup T20 final England vs West Indies was not a good time to be an England Fan

**Funniest Moment in Cricket**

Two Words Umer Khan, Last season vs South Woodham I was captain and I bought Umer on to bowl his first over was complete rubbish but I thought I would give him one more over his first ball he bowled a straight ball (after a 9 ball over previously) he shouts out 'I'M BACK' then bowls I think 4 wide in a row.

**Your Song to Enter the T20 Arena**

Robbie Williams 'Let me Entertain you'

**Your Perfect Tea**

Debbie Lights - Cakes and Fruit

Dee - Pizza and savoury

Suzanne - Curry

= Heaven

**The Best Thing About Rainham CC**

Such a Family, everyone knows everyone and watching the Kids come through into the seniors is always good.

**Your Rainham Career in 10 or Less Words**

The sometimes good, sometimes bad and normally ugly

**Your Future Vision for Rainham CC**

Seeing more Kids Boys and Girls coming through into the senior teams and for the club to keep progressing the way we are now and bossing things in Shepherd Neame.

## **Fav Photo**

The concept of this new section of the newsletter is simple; a random member of RCC will be asked to reminisce and choose a photo which best helps describe their time at RCC. This month, Biren Patel was selected to share his fav photo (see below).

“It was from on tour in Torrevieja, Spain 2017. What a tour!! Blue skies and sunshine, mixed with good company and cricket #perfectsaturday”



## Chairman's Notes

Welcome to the most exciting season in our 122 year history:

Premier league Cricket for Rainham CC !

2s Hot favourites for promotion.

3s 5 promotions on the spin

A 4s this year playing at Emerson Park school.

Sunday 1s in the prem

Sunday 2s this season

Plus 20/20 senior and U19's.

Our fantastic youth teams.

RCC football team from September

More qualified coaches

Spring and Autumn tours

Local school cricket days all summer long

Vibrant social events

Ladies social section

Plus a newly decorated inside & outside pavilion with a new Patio & Brand new furniture.

Newly acquired grants and , significant sponsorship including Berwick Manor

In fact the pavilion will be open most nights during the summer for cricket and socialising

Apart from that it's been a quiet time !!!!

I always say the same thing at this time of year, it's your club, regardless of if you're a player, parent or social member, we must all keep working to build the club. Our progress has been staggering in recent years but it just the beginning. With your support this year we can progress further on the field with many younger cricketers breaking through into senior teams and more plans to extend the pavilion.

The indoor league went well , 1s =2nd , 2s =4th and 3s=6th in the same division. We have more teams than Orsett cc and other supposed large clubs. Well done all concerned !

Its such an exciting time that players have been going to extraordinary lengths to get ready.

Jas has been to a live football match.

Harry light had his 1st shave.

Garnett turned up on time for training

Kenny Simms has been spotted working on fielding drills all over Essex.

Biren has produced a new book , " Are we really here"

Keith light is running a self help " Keep calm " class on Mondays.

Paul Newman is running raffles every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Jono has a new cravat

Sid Patel washed his kit

Mick Clifford found his way home after a night at the Saxon

Alex said " I was plum " after being given out.

Umar & Ben deserted the 3s for the 2s.

Alfie Hedges left Eastenders to play full time

Joe scored a run on tour.

Charlie and Dipal turned up with their girlfriends removing the concern their partners were inflated at weekends.

So with those amazing efforts how can you stay away this year. Please be a bigger part of this extraordinary club.

One final point, Garnett Shallow became a daddy recently and all are doing well. Congratulations mate !

( Baby Shallow was 9 days late, who'd have guessed )

See ya in the slips

BREARLEY